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LET THE COURTS DECIDE.

The good need fear no law,
It is his safety, and the bad man's awe.
—Massinger.

C. J. McElheny has reversed the rules of legal procedure. Usually, in a well-regulated court, the state makes out its case first, but McElheny, through his organ and mouth-piece, the Turncoat, does not wait for his turn at the bat, but proceeds to acquit himself, to his own satisfaction, perhaps, of the charge of immoral relations with a female under the age of eighteen years, filed against him by a mother, in behalf of her daughter.

Since he has done this, he has not only justified, but made it necessary to turn the picture and look at the truth which he, for obvious reasons, has ignored. In doing this it is not required that he be deemed either guilty or innocent. It is perfectly right, and in accord with the spirit of the law that his cause be held unprejudiced until both sides are heard and the facts are determined. We bespeak that right for him. But of what he says over his own signature is a different matter. He cannot expect to fly into a rage and accuse innocent people of being the cause of the trouble he has gotten himself into, and no answer be made. Others have the same right of self-defense as he, and are entitled to use the same methods he uses—publicity. Others have good names and families to protect the same as he has, and simply because his name is McElheny and he came here from the North, should not make him any better or any worse than any ordinary citizen.

All the Herald has published so far regarding the case has been the news, which is our province and duty as the publisher of an unmuzzled newspaper. We published the charge as filed against him by the mother of the girl before Justice of the Peace W. E. Gotcher, and when the change of venue was taken from his court to the court of W. W. Tarkington, we published the proceedings, so far as they were

permitted to go. At no time did we go out of the record. We published the evidence of Mrs. Laura Morris, mother of the girl, and the evidence of the girl, Miss Winnie Mae Morris, up to the time McElheny's three lawyers objected to her testimony and the court sustained their objection, forcing the prosecuting attorney to bring the proceedings to an abrupt stop. It would be the same in any case. If McElheny had been charged with murder he would have fared just the same and the newspapers of the country would have been just as free to publish the details as they developed. In publishing the news McElheny looks like any other ordinary individual to this paper, and, considering the way this case has been muddled and hawked about, so far, we have treated it with more leniency than deserved. There is much under cover that has not been published and which the people should know, and if they did know, would demand immediate action and that the matter be sifted to the bottom. But we have not gone into details, because we think the courts and not the newspapers the proper place to try lawsuits. This man, however, has chosen the newspapers, which has thrown down the bars, if the Herald cared to take advantage of it. But we shall not do so—now. In whatever way his case may be prejudiced he will have only himself to blame.

McElheny's first attempt to try himself in the newspapers was in the Caruthersville Democrat and Argus, as follows:

"I was discharged without hearing the defendant's side of the case, the Court holding that the prosecution had no case."—Democrat.

C. J. McElheny, who was last week charged by Winnie Mae Morris, a fifteen-year-old girl of that city, with improper conduct towards her, had his preliminary trial Thursday and was discharged. He was able to prove an alibi as to his whereabouts in St. Louis on the day she charged he was with her and brought down as a witness a Mr. Nolen of Jefferson City of the State Reclamation Department, with whom he spent practically all of the day in question. Just what prompted the charge, HE does not know, but HE declares that it is absolutely unfounded."—Argus.

Both of the above statements are unmitigated falsehoods, and show to what desperate means the man or his agents are going to prejudice the mind of the public in his favor. The Democrat and the Argus owe it to the people to make the proper correction, and will, if not in sympathy with falsehood. [LATER: The Democrat says it obtained its information from a "prominent citizen who had been to Hayti."]

As, by cowardly innuendo, he directs his viperish wrath mainly against the editor of the Herald, and for no other reason than to darken the waters that hide his hideous personality, like the cuttle fish, to avoid detection, the right of self-defense, if nothing else, would justify our giving some attention to his remarks. And before doing so, we want you to get this fact fixed well in your mind: We shall only pay notice to HIS remarks, and to the EVIDENCE as was given on the stand by his accuser, the little fifteen-year-old girl. This much is legitimate publicity, and if we desired, which we do not, we might, under the circumstances, go further and draw conclusions of what it is alleged the state expects to prove, if it ever attempts to prove anything.

We quote this admission from McElheny over his signature in the Critic:

"To those not fully informed in the case, it may seem that there are certain things connected with it WHICH LOOK BAD FROM MY STAND-POINT, and right here comes in the 'work' of those who must have known that I was going to make the trip to St. Louis on that particular train, for I had made no secret of it."—C. J. McElheny.

Now, McElheny must refer to being in company with the girl on that "particular train," and we have heard several others agree with him that the episode did "look bad." He says it is a scheme of "blackmail," but he neither has the courage nor the manhood to call names. In his sneaking, contemptible and low-flung manner he insinuates that the editor of the Herald is responsible for it all, when the fact is we neither saw or talked to Mrs. Morris until two o'clock

Sunday afternoon, after his libelous article was published, and the heartbroken mother sought protection from the vile and base vituperations of this worthless cur through the columns of our paper. We defy him to even intimate that we even knew or heard of the case against him until after the warrant for his arrest was asked for, and immediately we saw that justice was going to be muzzled. His gang got busy and they are yet busy.

If McElheny is innocent, as he says he is, why don't he deny taking the girl to St. Louis and buying her fine clothes? The girl faced him and his three lawyers in court and swore that he did take her to St. Louis and buy her clothes, and McElheny used two columns of space and did not once deny the charge. He is quite in line with reason and common sense when he admits it "looks bad." Yet he offers no explanation, whatever. He prefers to use his space in berating innocent people for his own cussedness, and howling "frame-up" and "blackmail." Who, but he, framed up to buy a ticket for the girl to Portageville on the mid night train? Who, but he, framed up to carry her on into St. Louis without the conductor calling on her for fare? Who, but he, framed up to sit with her on the train in a compartment where ladies seldom sit? Who, but he, framed up to take her to Nugent's and buy her a coat and hat? Who, but he, framed up to carry her to the Maryland hotel? The girl swore all this before himself and his three lawyers, and about two hundred spectators in the courtroom heard her swear it, before his attorneys succeeded in stopping her testimony, and he has not attempted to deny a word of it.

He says that he had witnesses here to prove that he was "with them all the time" he was in St. Louis. Don't forget this is what he SAYS. He did not put his "witnesses" on the stand. That he was not with the girl "all the time" in St. Louis, may be accepted as true, and for good and sufficient reasons. When he arrived at the Maryland hotel he unexpectedly butted into a number of prominent Pemiscot and New Madrid county citizens who knew him. No wonder he was not with the girl "all the time," and forthwith sought the protecting shadow of an "alibi" guard. Men usually try to make some provision when they feel they are on dangerous ground.

St. Louis very early in the evening lost its attractions for him and he pulled his freight for the depot, and he liked it home on the first train out, in company with a mighty good friend, his wife, who took him in charge, and who expressed her opinion of him to his face, in the hearing of some good and reputable witnesses. She followed him on the next train after he left Hayti and accompanied him on the first train back. It is little wonder he lost interest in the girl, if he ever had any.

McElheny and his gang say some misfortune befell the life of the editor of the Herald a quarter of a century or more ago. They have said that before, and the Herald's subscription doubled. Be that true or false, it has nothing to do with this case, and, true or false, it should not be a bar to us being a terror to evildoers and criminals, and that is where the rub comes—the Herald exposes too much of their crookedness. We are neither disturbed nor annoyed by their vile abuse. That is what honest men always get when they expose criminals. We are not a stranger to the people here. We have lived among them for twenty-eight years and we are not ashamed of our record; neither are the people ashamed of us. We are within thirty-five miles of our birthplace, fourteen miles from Dyersburg, Tenn., and there are hundreds of people here from our old home who have known us since infancy. We are not dealing with some act of our defamers in the remote past, or some indiscreet act of theirs in childhood, or in boyhood, but with what they are doing now—continued lives of sin. It is what they are doing now that counts.

In the passing events there are some things being explained which we could not at first understand, as they have recently saved three deep-dyed villains from the penitentiary, tried to save the fourth, and now the hangman's noose is causing hideous dreams. For instance, we could not understand how a

And the Herald Still Grows.

Just a little list of new subscribers. Now and then we enjoy telling our friends how fast the Herald is growing.

During the past week the following new names have been added to our list, the paper either being ordered by themselves or by friends:

1 D. H. Patmore,	Hayti, Mo.
2 W. S. McCumber,	" "
3 H. L. Kendrick,	" "
4 Jas. Foster,	Steele, "
5 Hans E. Doerner,	" "
7 Geo. W. Treece,	" "
8 Will Michie,	" "
9 Frank Hopkins,	" "
10 Anderson Oates,	Holland, "
11 Coney Coleman,	" "
12 S. E. Redman,	" "
13 J. F. Hinson,	Cooter, "
14 Hoss Coleman,	" "
15 H. M. Foy,	Marston, "
16 V. P. Hopkins,	Vanduser, "
17 Mrs. W. L. Oates,	Cape Gir-
deau,	" "
18 F. C. Heigert,	Pueblo, Colo.

This is another indication that the more the gang abuse the Herald the faster it grows, and shows why the subscription list has more than doubled within the past few months.

Night Riders.

Evidently, the agitation that has its origin in the south end of the county, and which focused at Caruthersville on the 15th, is going to bear its fruit. Notices were posted on the doors of some of Arthur Stacey's negro tenants, advising them to leave in forty-eight hours, and late Tuesday night a masked brigade was noticed to ride through the outskirts of this city, going north.

The situation in New Madrid county is still unsettled.

T. S. Burch, the rural route mail carrier of Caruthersville Route No. 1, writes us to change his paper to Hitchcock, Okla., Route No. 2. He has exchanged his route here for the route there. We are sorry to lose Tom. He extends the Herald his best wishes, and we assure him he carries with him not only the Herald's best wishes, but the best wishes of the hundreds of people in this county who know him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Huffman of Troy, Ind., who have been spending the winter at Mobile, Ala., on their way home, arrived in this city Sunday night and stopped over for a three or four weeks' visit with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Guffy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Adams report the following social events: James H. Noble of Malden, a brother of Mrs. Adams, visited them Sunday; W. D. Adams of Hayward, a brother, visited them Monday, and Mr. Adams visited his brother, J. D. Adams at Portageville Sunday.

W. H. Bolan and wife visited the family of Fred Smith at Kennett Sunday, returning Monday. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of Mr. Bolan.

We are sorry to report that Peter Streiff, the baker, and his most estimable family, are preparing to leave this city, to make their future home at Blytheville. Hayti never had better citizens, and their going is a distinctive loss which will be keenly felt.

Bob Ownby, son of Rev. Bob Ownby, of Deering, visited his aunt, Mrs. Dr. F. A. Mayes, in this city Monday.

Mrs. W. T. Davis, nee Janie Wilson, and children, of Kennett, visited in Portageville and this city this week.

Little Miss Lenore Crider and brother, Raymond, visited in Caruthersville Sunday, returning Monday.

Thos. I. Brooks came through Monday afternoon on his way from Caruthersville to his home in Cooter.

L. L. Maxey and wife came down from Portageville Sunday to visit W. A. Maxey and family.

Mesdames Edward Underhill and Beech Dunklin of Campbell visited in this city Sunday.

Lawyer Wm. C. Wilks of Caruthersville attended to legal business here Monday.

Mrs. Will Ellis of Kennett is spending the week with Mrs. W. E. Robertson in this city.

Raymond, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Adams, is on the pony list.

John T. Buckley made a business trip to Holland Monday.

dredge boat contractor raw from Michigan could be induced to part with \$700 of his wife's money to a rank stranger he had never met before, the now chief rat tlesnake of the gang, to defile a community, to foster strife, to deceive the people, to defend hellions, when the whole of the gang, old residents of the town, would not put up a dollar for that purpose, unless it was that mysterious something called telepathy that begets affinity as the steel magnet draws to it other metals of the same kind. Surely upon no other hypothesis can the getting together of so many of the same kind of characters be accounted for.

Capt. Dan Haynes of Malden visited his daughter, Mrs. Von Mayes in this city Tuesday and Wednesday. He had been over to Senath to attend the funeral services of his son-in-law, Dr. J. B. Sharp, whose death from heart failure, occurred at his home in that city at 9 o'clock Sunday night. Besides his wife, formerly Miss Inez Haynes, he left five children to mourn his untimely demise. He was a good man and well known throughout the country, where he had a host of friends, who extend to the sorrowing family their heartfelt sympathy. The remains were carried to Ripley, Tenn., for interment.

Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, by their certain deed of trust, bearing date of the 1st day of April, 1911, being duly acknowledged and recorded in Record Trust Book number 40, at page 51, being one of the land records of the County of Pemiscot and State of Missouri, Arthur Stacey and Nora Stacey, husband and wife, conveyed to Ed Gotcher, as trustee, the following described real estate, lying, being and situate in the County of Pemiscot and State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of the south half of the east half of the southeast quarter of section five (5), township eighteen (18), range twelve (12) east, containing 40 acres more or less.

Which said conveyance was in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note, therein particularly described, and interest, and, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon.

Now therefore, I, Ed Gotcher, trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in accordance with the provisions and stipulations of said deed of trust, and by virtue of the authority vested in me, will on

Saturday, March 20th, 1915, at the east door of the city hall, of the city of Hayti, in the city of Hayti, Pemiscot county, State of Missouri, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all of the above described real estate, to pay said note with cost of executing this trust.

ED. GOTCHER, Trustee.

E. S. Fuller moved Friday to the residence recently vacated by Dr. J. M. Phipps, on Orange street, and Mr. Garrett now occupies the property vacated by Mr. Fuller.

Miss Letitia McFarland went over to Caruthersville Monday to visit her brother, John, and wife, both of whom were ill.

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